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REMARKS

Applicant has marked up a proposed change to Figure 3 and is resubmitting new formal drawings incorporating these changes. The examiner has requested these changes, and thus it is assumed these changes will be approved. Applicant has amended this application in general to provide more consistent claim terminology. The claims define around the Meyerhofer, et al. reference which is the base for all of the rejections, in that Meyerhofer, et al. does not have any threaded member that is fixed relative to an end wall. Instead, the bolt 84 in Meyerhofer, et al. must be able to turn to be threaded within the opposed wall at 82. If the bolt 84 were fixed relative to either component of the joint, the Meyerhofer, et al. product could not be tightened. Simply, this is nothing more than the prior art as described in this application.

Allowance of all claims is in order. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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